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Night, weekend trains face the ax

MBTA GM says elimination of Commuter Rail trips could become reality within two years due to budget deficit ◐ Peak-hour trips to 'burbs would stay intact {page 02}

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▶ If commuters like these get stuck at work after 8 p.m., they could be stranded without a ride back to the suburbs.

News

Manhunt: Gaddafi still free

◐ Rebels have taken control of Tripoli ◐ Libyan loyalists continue to fight ◐ World tells leader to surrender {page 06}

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Commuter Rail trips in trouble

Future fiscal woes may lead to less commuter travel ◐ Trains could stop for Purple Line at 8 p.m. in next two years ◐ Weekend trips also on the chopping block ◐ Bus reduction 'easiest type of service cut' says GM

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▶ Commuters looking to catch a train after 8 p.m. could be out of luck.

By the numbers

83%
of transit agencies saw decreased state funding

79%
have cut services or raised fares or will do both

75%
of large agencies will take steps to reduce workforce

59,576
Saturday and Sunday combined typical weekend ridership in fiscal 2009

As the T continues to battle fiscal demons, a "bleak" outlook could lead to diminished bus services and cuts to the commuter train schedule, according to General Manager Rich Davey.

The GM said "everything is on the table" when discussions about the next fiscal year begin, including a reduction to Commuter Rail services on weekends and after 8 p.m.

"We are trying to close our deficit without a meaningful impact for customers, but in the next four years the deficit grows," said Davey.

Davey said it could amount to a severe cutback in services over time through a combination of fewer bus trips, or commuter rail shutdowns.

A recent survey released by the American Public Transportation Association revealed eight out of 10 transit agencies surveyed nationwide have cut services or raised fares, or are considering both.

"Our public deserves a better MBTA that runs with fewer delays and fewer breakdowns, but that requires more resources than we have today."
OUTGOING MBTA GM RICH DAVEY

Fare increases

Earlier this month Davey announced that fare increases for transit services were also up for discussion in an effort to battle the heavy budget gap.

Davey said the T participated in that survey.

"While it would be undesirable to cut services, it's something we have to consider," he said.

A spokesperson from the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail, the company that is contracted by the T to run commuter trains, said they share concerns about the dire financial outlook.

In a statement, they said any service cutbacks would be regrettable, but they support the T as it works to find federal and state resources.

Peak-hour train riders can breathe easy, however.

Davey said he "would be loath" to cut those train times and it would be "a last resort."

"It's a very difficult position for us to be in," said Davey. "It's difficult to be considering service cuts when we anticipate ridership growth."

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Sketch released of North End assailant

BOSTON. Police yesterday released a sketch of the man responsible for sexually assaulting a woman at her North End apartment last weekend. The man approached the woman outside her building near Fleet Street and Garden Court about 2:30 a.m. Saturday and engaged her in conversation. When the woman went to go inside, the man tried to get in. The woman didn't let him and he groped her before he fled. Anyone with information can 617-343-4400. METRO

Employee stabbed outside restaurant

BOSTON. An employee at Sunset Grill and Tap in Allston was allegedly stabbed with a 12-inch carving knife after finishing a shift yesterday morning. Police responded to Brighton Avenue around 1:52 a.m. after receiving a call that the victim was stabbed in the lower back. According to police reports, the employee clocked out of work at 1 a.m and exited the rear of the restaurant, where he sustained non-life threatening cuts. METRO

T names interim GM

BOSTON. MBTA General Manager Rich Davey announced his interim successor yesterday. Jonathan Davis will become the interim GM of the T when Davey takes over as CEO of MassDOT in September. Davis has served as the T's deputy GM and CFO for more than 10 years, according to a spokesperson at the MBTA. METRO

In the news

Hollywood heading to the Hub

A movie starring Ryan Reynolds as an undead police officer seeking his killer will be shot in Boston for several months, officials said yesterday. The film, "R.I.P.D." – Rest in Peace Department, was characterized as one of the largest productions drawn to the Bay State. METRO/SHNS

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Man shot after harbor cruise

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A man in his 20s was fatally shot yesterday morning, potentially following a fight that started on a late-night harbor cruise.

Police responded to 290 Northern Ave. just before 2:30 a.m. and found the unidentified man suffering from a gunshot wound to the head.

He was rushed to Tufts Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

The man was on the Viking Starliner for a harbor cruise, and police believe that a fight took place aboard the ship.

Officials said the shooting occurred on the dock after the ship returned from its trip.

The cruise company's website described the 110-foot, two-deck boat as "a great location for the larger party of 100-plus passengers." It has a capacity of up to 348 passengers.

A message left for the company was not returned.

Anyone with information can call 617-343-4470.

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News in brief

Cyclist suffers serious injury

SOMERVILLE. A 19-year-old resident sustained serious injuries after biking through a red light and getting hit by a car early yesterday morning. According to police reports, a Hyundai Elantra traveling on Route 16 near the Broadway intersection collided with the cyclist just before 12:50 a.m. The cyclist was transported by ambulance to Massachusetts General Hospital with serious injuries, according to police reports. A state police investigation determined the driver of the Elantra, a 46-year-old Medford man, wasn't at fault for the crash. METRO

Revere man held without bail

READING. A 25-year-old Revere man was ordered held without bail for allegedly killing another man over drugs. John Burke pleaded not guilty during his arraignment yesterday to fatally shooting 22-year-old Joseph Ronan at Ronan's home last week. Ronan was found shot to death in his Reading home, and authorities said the shooting was drug-related. METRO

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Libyan dictator on run as rebels fight for Tripoli

Gaddafi loyalists cling to final, violent vestiges of rule Obama supportive of new government

Remnants of forces still loyal to Muammar Gaddafi staged a desperate stand in Tripoli yesterday as rebels fought their way into the capital, but the whereabouts of the veteran leader was a mystery.

World leaders urged Gaddafi, 69, to surrender to prevent more bloodshed and appealed for an orderly transition of power, as the six-month battle for control of the oil-producing North African nation appeared to enter its final stages.

Rebels say they are now in control of most of Tripoli, a sprawling coastal city of 2 million people on the Mediterranean Sea, but it was not clear whether Gaddafi was still there.

Rebels swept into Tripoli two days ago in tandem with an uprising within the city. Reuters reporters saw firefights and clashes with heavy weapons, including anti-aircraft guns, as rebels tried to flush out snipers and pockets of resistance.

Hundreds seem to have been killed or wounded since Saturday. But Gaddafi tanks and sharpshooters appeared to hold only small areas, mainly around Gaddafi's heavily fortified Bab al-Aziziyah compound in central Tripoli. REUTERS

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▶ Libyan rebels flash victory signs as they patrol a street in Tripoli yesterday.

Libya in brief

Gaddafi son says dad is safe

TRIPOLI. Saif al-Islam, the reportedly arrested son of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, arrived late yesterday at the Tripoli hotel where foreign reporters are staying.

Television footage showed him pumping his fists in the air, smiling, waving and shaking hands with supporters, as well as holding his arms aloft with each hand making the V for victory sign.

Saif told journalists that Libya, which has been largely overrun in the past 24 hours by rebel forces seeking to topple his father, was in fact in government hands and that Muammar Gaddafi was safe. REUTERS

No US forces going to Libya

WASHINGTON. The United States does not intend to send ground forces into Libya to assist in any international peacekeeping operations following the fall of Muammar Gaddafi, the Pentagon said yesterday.

As rebels searched for Gaddafi, the Pentagon knocked down speculation that the Libyan leader might have actually slipped out of the country. REUTERS

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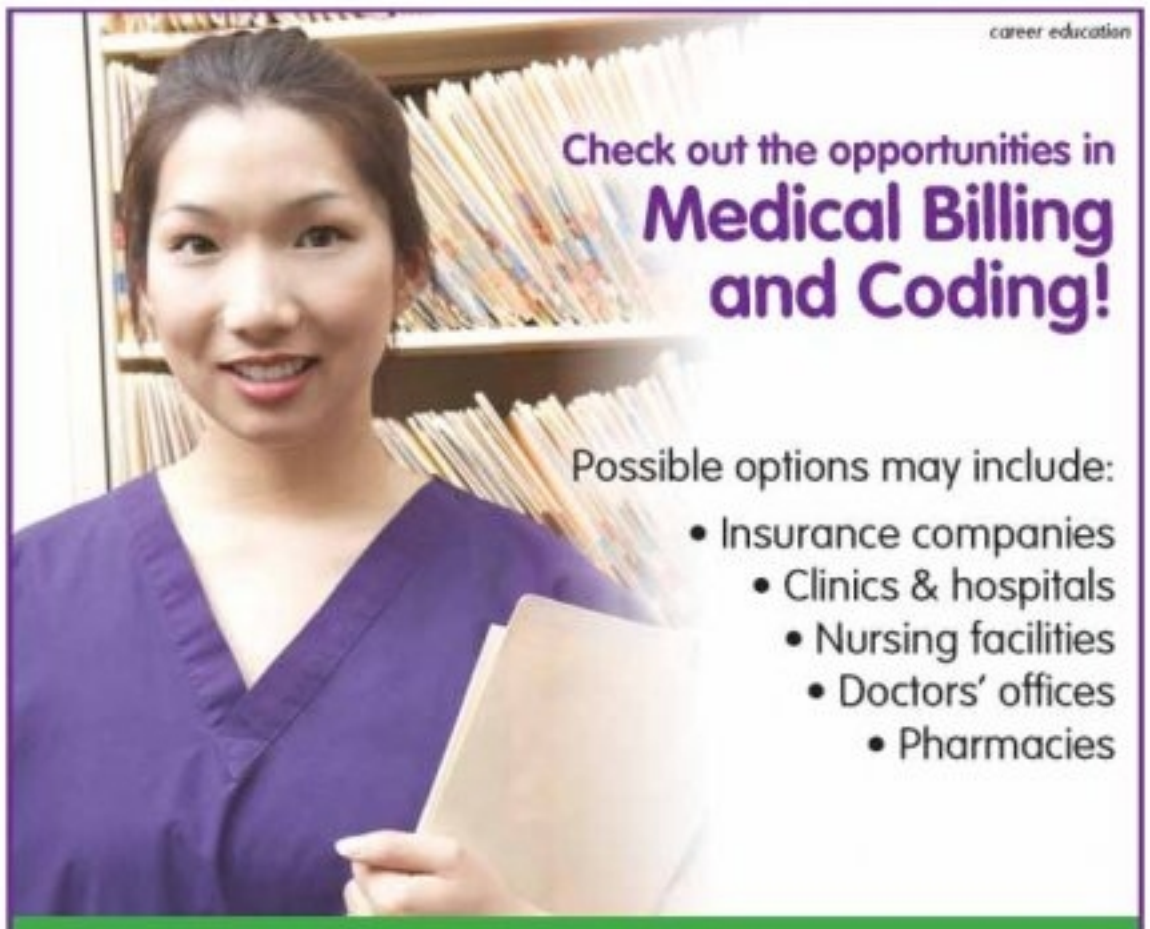

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▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Christina Applegate is having diet trouble, Omar Epps disagrees with the ref and Alec Baldwin is making pet plans.

▶ @1capplegate
If on a juice cleanse is it ok to have bread dipped in olive oil, since oo is technically juice and bread is..oh crap I ruined my cleanse

▶ @omarepps
Dear Russell Mora, You are a travesty to all of the legitimate referees in boxing! You should be banned from the sport! Sincerely, Me

▶ @AlecBaldwin
I shall get a dog. And I shall name it..... Governor Rick Perry.

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

▶ The cute couple is no more?

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Gomez and Bieber are officially over?

Teen "it" couple, **Selena Gomez**, 19, and **Justin Bieber**, 17, have maybe broken up, with Gomez reportedly the one doing the dumping. A report in Sunday's Daily Star newspaper says Gomez was put off by Bieber's maturity level. "She doesn't feel Justin is quite mature enough yet to be in a long-term, stable relationship. She's in the market for someone a little older and more worldly wise," a source says.

An insider once gossiped to Metro about the couple, saying Bieber was always way more into the relationship than Gomez. He apparently had a crush on Gomez for ages; she kept turning down his advances until finally relenting. But now, it seems as though the "Wizards of Waverly Place" star wants to say "never" to the "Never Say Never" star. Here are four more (totally not true) reasons Gomez might have called it quits:

4 Girlfriend is 19, Biebs is only 17. Obviously it doesn't work. She loves to indulge in all the cigs, porn and lottery tickets her money can buy. While filling out her voter registration card, she realized Bieber is slowing her down, majorly.

3 Gomez is tired of all the death threats by the millions of teenage fans of Bieber. How many stabby emoticons can one girl take?

2 She realized that if she wanted to look like she was dating a lesbian, she should just go after **Sam Ronson.**

1 And for the most believable reason: Gomez probably realized just how wicked hot she actually is and figured she could get some A-list (older actor/singer version A-list) arm candy. Or she realized that most Disney starlets don't really graduate to the big leagues until they boff **John Mayer** first.

Hot Prince Harry action

Prince Harry is heading to the U.S. The young royal will reportedly spend two months in California and Arizona training on Apache helicopters, according to the BBC. After becoming an Apache pilot, Harry could be sent back to Afghanistan next year, something he's reportedly expressed interest in. "Harry is an Army pilot and will deploy wherever the Army chooses to send him," a royal spokesman says. "His course finishes in 2012, and after that his deployment will be a matter for the Army chain of command." Hubba hubba.

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Mueller and Sheen in Mexico

Three months after their divorce was finalized, **Charlie Sheen** and **Brooke Mueller** are reportedly "thinking of getting back together," a source tells Us Weekly. The pair were spotted over the weekend boarding a private jet together to Mexico and smiling. "She's totally gung-ho," the source says. "He just wants his kids to be happy, and if that means they need to be a family, then he is up for it. The kids have suffered a lot, and he feels so guilty lately."

Brad Pitt's fish tale

Brad Pitt isn't letting long shooting days on "World War Z" keep him from enjoying being in Scotland. The actor reportedly took his sons out for a bit of fishing recently on the grounds of their lavish rented estate, according to Us Weekly. "Brad looked very proud of the boys, despite the fact that no one managed to catch anything," a source says. "I don't think Brad particularly cared about getting a bite."

▶ Pitt on the set of "World War Z"

The lady for Radcliffe

Daniel Radcliffe's mystery girlfriend has been identified as **Rosanne Coker**, a production assistant who worked on the last three "Harry Potter" films as well as Radcliffe's upcoming "The Woman in Black," according to the Daily Mail. "They would really prefer to keep things quiet," her father, **Malcolm Coker**, tells the newspaper. "But they have been going out for just over a year now. I have met Daniel and he is a lovely guy."

Kim Stewart is a mom

Kimberly Stewart gave birth to a baby girl Sunday in Los Angeles, according to Us Weekly. While the baby's father, Oscar-winner **Benicio del Toro**, was not present at the hospital, new grandfather **Rod Stewart** was. "Benicio is the father and very supportive," del Toro's rep said earlier this year. "Although [he and Kimberly] are not a couple, they are looking forward to the arrival of the baby."

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Concerts, 'Feminist Bookstores' and the Hoff

▶ **1:** Eminem headlined the second day of the V Festival at Hylands Park on Sunday in Chelmsford, England.
▶ **2:** Kevin James arrived at the "Zookeeper" Australian premiere on Sunday in Sydney. Yes, apparently, "Zookeeper" is still a thing, at least in Australia.
▶ **3:** "Portlandia" stars Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein hosted a local "Feminist Bookstore" fundraising event at In Other Words on Saturday in Portland, Ore.
▶ **4:** Scott Kirkland of the Crystal Method performed on stage with some kind of instrument (what is that thing?) during the 2011 Identity Festival at Nikon at Jones Beach Theater on Sunday.
▶ **5:** David Hasselhoff performed at G-A-Y on Saturday in London.
▶ **7:** Nadya "Octomom" Suleman attended the Celebrity Boxing Match Press Conference on Friday in Florida.

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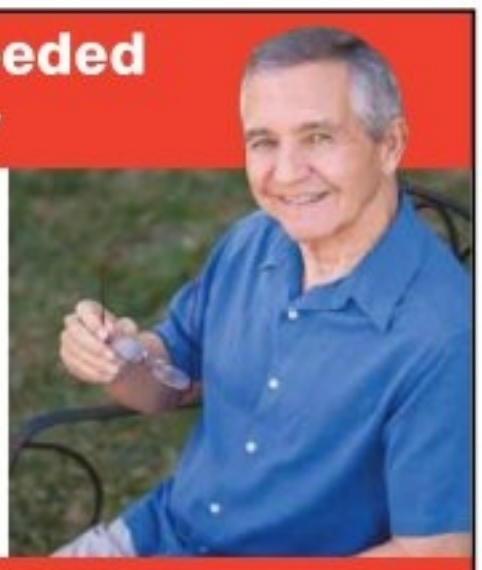

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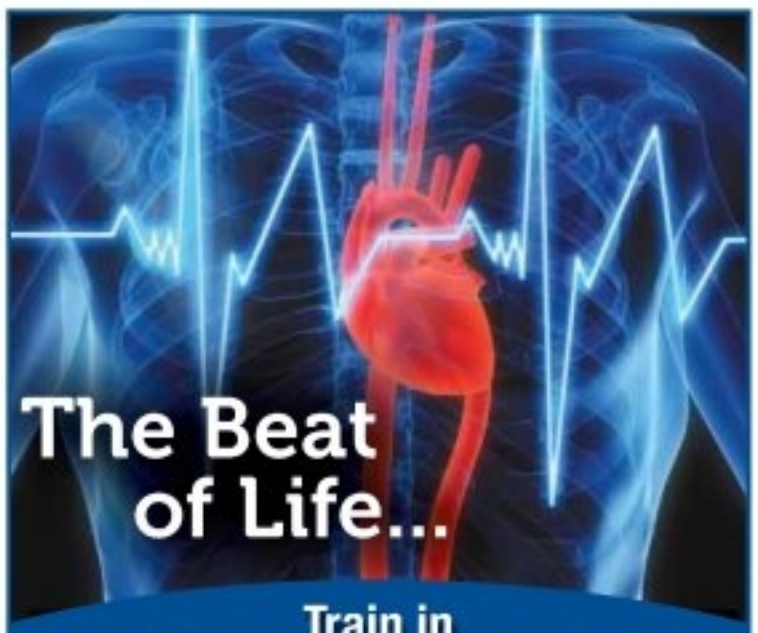

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▶ Jennifer Close

Her 'something borrowed' is inspiration

'Girls in White Dresses' follows the time in a woman's life when her week is filled with despair and weekends are for weddings ◐ If you haven't been there, you will

Author Jennifer Close has been to a lot of weddings. And engagement parties. And bridal showers. And bachelorette soirees. But then again, you'd be hard-pressed to find any 32-year-old who hasn't. Such is the social life of most post-grad women, an era Close deftly captures in her debut novel, "Girls in White Dresses," which follows a group of women as they navigate the wilds of their 20s and 30s — and go to a ton of weddings.

"I was writing it one summer when I had 10 weddings to go to and was in three of them," Close says. "It's that time of your life when it overtakes you."

Her weekends were booked and her bank account drained, but the nuptials gave Close a gift — a way to pull together the vignettes she was working on. "After I got my MFA, I started working at a magazine [Portfolio] and it was so busy that I stopped working on my own stuff," she remembers. "But slowly, these stories starting coming out, and after it folded, I had the time to work on them. I realized weddings would be a good way to tie together their lives."

Close's publisher, Knopf, is betting that the author's sardonic, well-crafted females and the familiar feeling of wedding fatigue will capture a large audience.

"The thing that makes me happiest is when people tell me, 'I know who these girls are,'" Close says.

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A girl in white

Close is about to launch a book tour to promote "Girls in White Dresses," and she's also about to begin writing her second novel. But there's one other big event on her dance card this year: "I'm actually getting married in the fall," she laughs.

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Buffett haters miss the point

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FLORA HUANG, VIA E-MAIL

Explore our own backyard!

RE: "AMERICAN HIKERS JAILED FOR 8 YEARS IN IRAN": This is ridiculous! These three dumb kids walked the wrong way on a one-way street into Iran. This should be a lesson for other kids that decide to take a hiking trip anywhere near these crazy countries. There is plenty of beautiful hiking to do right in the U.S., and you don't get arrested for spying.
CHERYL GILBERT, VIA E-MAIL

Prices up so rich can profit

I had a great respect toward the president who brought changes to the corrupt and unorganized financial markets, but I was astonished to hear Barack Obama lament that the rise in food prices is caused by Indians and Chinese who have "started eating more." Even a high school student will tell why prices rise disproportionate to their demand; the greed of the speculators has caused the global meltdown. If left uncontrolled, the rich become richer feeding on the blood money extracted by squeezing the middle and poor classes of society.
SRINIVAS GUDURU, VIA E-MAIL

Plenty to judge in Obama reign

In a recent interview on CBS, President Barack Obama admitted he knows that a year from now he is going to be judged for the slow improvement of the economy. He took credit for making the right decisions, though nothing has changed since Bush messed it up. With all due respect, you will be judged not for what you did but for all the dubious conquests accomplished.
RICARDO CUMMINGS, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Friends or co-workers are likely to tell you things that they wouldn't tell others, mostly because they trust you not to make light of what's bothering them and blab it to the world.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Read, attend a lecture or go someplace new where you can learn something different. Remember: Not only is knowledge power, but it'll also help you develop a good life philosophy.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Different ideas that originate from others will prove to be advantageous when put into play. You'll know exactly how to adapt them to your needs.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Make it a point to iron out an issue or matter that has proven to be a source of irritation for you lately. A frank and honest discussion with the parties involved will make everybody happy.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** A project you've been avoiding just because it looks a bit overwhelming can be accomplished with relative ease. Give it a go, see for yourself.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Your enthusiastic, positive attitude will be a big plus — not only for yourself, but also for all those whose lives you touch. Your upbeat presence alone will lift the spirits of companions.
♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Follow through on any ideas you get to beautify the spaces in which you spend the most time. What you conceive is likely to produce lasting, favorable effects.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** This day will be far more enjoyable if you can get out and move around a bit. Whether you're calling on clients, running errands or dropping in on friends, you'll have a grand old time.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your ability for spotting bargains is likely to be far sharper than usual, so find some time to shop a bit. If you can't get out, browse on the Internet.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It would be wise to be a good listener and a keen observer, especially when you're around admirable minds. Put to good use everything you learn.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Take care not to treat with disdain benign developments just because you think of them as insignificant. Opportunities stemming from little bits of knowledge can be monumental.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Try to go to places that are a bit different, if you can. Mingling with new faces, ideas and experiences can offer you novel perspectives and refresh your attitude. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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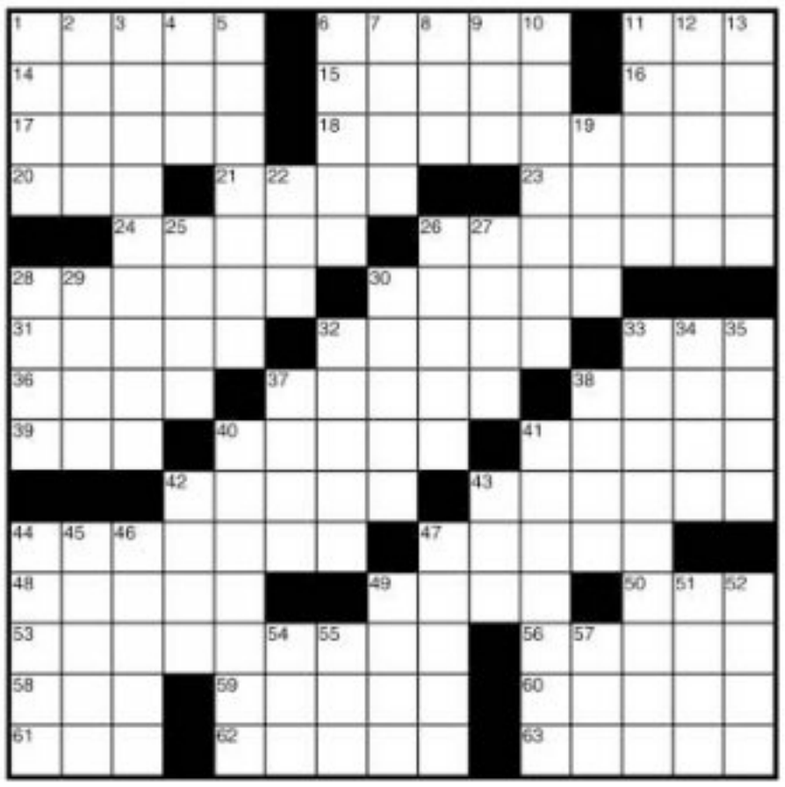

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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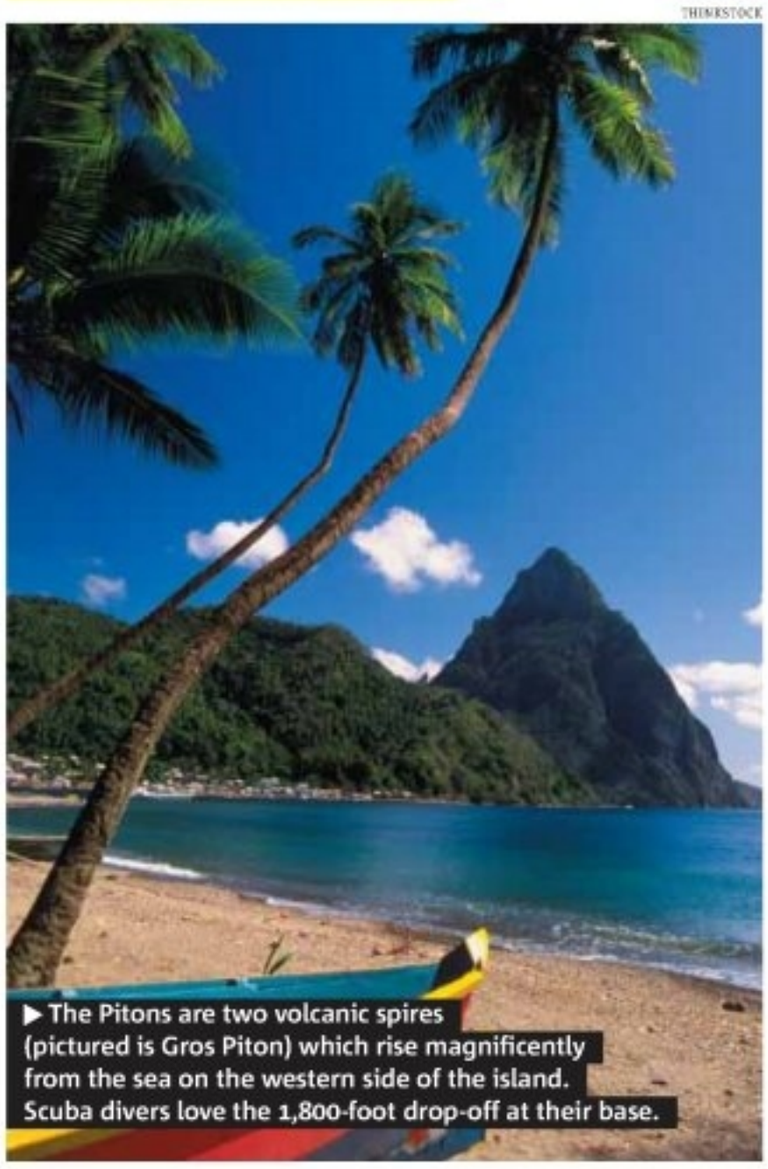
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▶ The Pitons are two volcanic spires (pictured is Gros Piton) which rise magnificently from the sea on the western side of the island. Scuba divers love the 1,800-foot drop-off at their base.

So lush, so lovely, so St. Lucia

When you think 'Caribbean' you might think 'flat' and 'calm' Well, think again
St. Lucia boasts beautiful, mountainous landscapes as well as the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea

The blue sea and white beaches unify the islands of the Caribbean, but whether it's the colorful architecture of Curacao, the French cuisine of St. Maarten or the nightlife of San Juan, every island boasts a unique distinction. For St. Lucia, it's the topography. Admittedly, saying an island has unique terrain isn't the most sexy way to get you to hop on a plane — but St. Lucia is a lush, mountainous island with fertile valleys, acres of banana plants and coconut palms, picturesque fishing villages and even a volcano. It would be a destination in its own right; but add the fact that the island boasts both the Atlantic and Caribbean sea coasts, and you have a picturesque, idyllic escape.

Take a hike or hit the 'drive-in'

The Pitons, designated a World Heritage site in 2004, are two volcanic spires (Gros Piton and Petit Piton) that rise magnificently from the sea on the western side of the island. Hiking is allowed on Gros Piton and local guides will help you navigate to the top, where a natural hardwood forest and several species of rare birds await. Not feeling adventurous? Locals love the fact that their volcano, located in Sulphur Springs Park, is a "drive-in." True to word, there's little walking involved to check out the boiling black water and hydrogen sulfide burping out of the dormant volcano. There's even a small tourism industry devoted to letting you take a little dip in one of the sulphur pools.

What to eat and drink

Due to the eclectic heritage of the locals, the cuisine is a delicious mix of Caribbean staples like curry, jerk, rice and stewed dishes, with a dash of creole, loads of barbecue options, fish fries and the main food export, bananas. Also a must? Their famous rum punch.

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Make a splash!

▶ Try kite surfing!

What's a trip to the Caribbean without going to the beach?

If you feel like trying out kite surfing amid the salty breezes, visit the east side of the island for the Atlantic Ocean (Coconut Bay Resort, below, offers lessons). Meanwhile, the Caribbean Sea coast will keep the snorkeler in your life occupied for days. A boat ride is highly recommended; most hotels will help you book a charter, which comes complete with a snorkel, towel and maybe even a few Pitons — the tasty local beer brewed on the island.

Where to stay

No matter if you're on your honeymoon or have your family in tow, **Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa**, a beachfront hotel on the Atlantic Ocean, is a lovely option. The 250 sea-view rooms are split into two wings: the adult-only Harmony, and Splash, for those with kids. Considering that Splash has a huge water park with pools, slides and a lazy river, it's understandable if you stray from Harmony for the day. The hotel is all-inclusive, although with the myriad of restaurant options and friendly service, it feels like a much more exclusive all-inclusive. There are also boutique and oceanfront chain hotels, plus a few locally owned inns and hotels.

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▶ Haynesworth

Lineman pleads no contest

Albert Haynesworth yesterday pleaded no contest to simple assault in Washington, D.C., resolving allegations he groped a cocktail waitress there in February.

Haynesworth, 30, was sentenced to 160 hours of community service. METRO

Only one thing to say

Albert Haynesworth didn't have much to say to reporters on his way into court yesterday.

His only comment to the microphones hounding him? "Go Patriots." METRO

Pats watching the defense grow

Despite the lockout, new schemes, Pats can feel the 'D' coming around
But there's still a lot to learn By the way, the season's almost here

With Patriots training camp over, fans can no longer watch the team practice at Gillette Stadium. That's the bad news.

The good news? That means we're even closer to the start of the regular season — less than three weeks away at this point.

In two preseason games so far, the Pats have looked dominant ... to the untrained eye. But players and coaches look far beyond the final score.

"It probably looked good, but some things we screwed up out there," nose tackle Vince Wilfork said. "And at times when it looked bad, it wasn't that bad."

Winning is nice, but in the preseason it doesn't really matter. What matters is showing improvement from one day to the next.

Having missed so much time due to the lockout, players admit they're not quite up to speed. On top of that, the Pats are doing a lot of experimenting on the defensive side of the ball.

"We have a bunch of young guys in this locker room, new things that we're doing out there on the field," Wilfork said. "Not just the young guys starting their careers with something new, [but] guys who have been around here for a long time. We're actually doing a couple different things that we have to learn."

They're well on their way, and the pieces are slowly fitting into place. You could see it taking shape last Thursday against the Bucs.

"I think that the important thing right now is kind of we just grow as a unit, grow as a defensive team," cornerback Devin McCourty said. "I think that's coming along, and that's encouraging when you can take the field and hopefully all 11 guys are on the same page."

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▶ Vince Wilfork said the Patriots haven't been as good — or as bad — as they've looked at times this preseason.

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In the NFL

Pryor a Raider

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Okoroha out for Eagles

Less than two weeks before its season opener against Northeastern, the Boston College football team is looking for a new free safety.

Junior Okechukwu Okoroha, last year's starter, has been dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons, coach Frank Spaziani announced yesterday.

Okoroha made 27 tackles in 2010. METRO

Milestone win for Piermarini

Suffolk Downs stalwart Tammi Piermarini claimed the 2,000th victory of her career yesterday,becoming just the fifth female jockey ever to reach the mark.

Piermarini, 44, of Amesbury, hit the milestone in yesterday's third race on Sugar Trade. "It feels excellent to get this win at Suffolk Downs," Piermarini said. "This is home."

Julie Krone holds the record for wins by a female jockey, with 3,704.

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▶ Piermarini

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Lackey starts tonight

THE DEAL:

John Lackey takes the mound tonight for the second game of the Red Sox's four-game set in Texas. He'll be opposed by Rangers right-hander **Colby Lewis**.

ANALYSIS:

The pitching matchup, at least, favors Texas tonight (8:05 p.m., NESN, WEEI). Lackey has been better in recent months, but he took the loss Aug. 17 against the Rays, throwing a season-high 125 pitches. He's won six of his last seven decisions, but he's also been a beneficiary of some pretty impressive run support. Lewis, meanwhile, threw seven scoreless innings at the Angels his last time out.

6.07 Lackey has a career ERA of 6.07 against the Rangers. He's 11-13 in 34 starts against Texas.

Colby Lewis made his first start of 2011 against the Red Sox, surrendering three runs over six innings in a 12-5 win.

John Lackey

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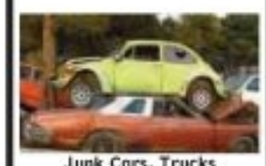

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